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MAY INDICT CAPT. THOMAS!

WARSHIP TO CHINA.

Admiral Watson Ordered
to Send a Cruiser
from Manila.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Secretary Long has cabled instructions to Admiral Watson, at Cavite, to send a warship to Taku, China, at the mouth of the Plo River, to look after American missionary interests that are threatened. He has left the selection of the ship to Admiral Watson.

PORTO RICO BILL PASSED.

Appropriation Measure Is Put
Through the Congress With-
out a Division.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—All amendments to the Porto Rico Appropriation bill were withdrawn or voted down and the bill passed the Senate this afternoon without division. The committee amendments limiting the appropriations to revenue collected prior to Jan. 1, 1898, having been agreed to yesterday, a vote was early taken on Mr. Allen's amendment declaring the Constitution extended over the island by its own force. The amendment was laid on the table, 50 to 17.

METHUEN'S DEFENSE.

Blames Col. Hughes-Hallett for the
Retirement of British at Magersfontein Against Orders.

LONDON, March 15.—The official report of Gen. Lord Methuen on the disaster of Magersfontein is published here to-day. He says he could not outflank the enemy and declares the Boers got timely notice of the Highland Brigade's advance through the accidental discharge of a rifle. He says Gen. Wauchope deployed his men too late, but attributes the non-success of the operation to Col. Hughes-Hallett, who at 1 P. M. ordered the Boers to retire. "This was an unfortunate retirement for Hallett," he says. "He received instructions to remain in his position until dusk, and the enemy were then cutting the trenches in one hundred and two hundred yards."

TAYLOR TO McKINLEY.

Kentucky Governor Is Said to Have
Prepared Another Appeal
to the President.

FRANKFORT, Ky., March 15.—Gov. Taylor is said to have prepared a statement making a second appeal to President McKinley. John W. Taylor, of Danville, and other Republican leaders were called in conference at the Executive Mansion and the paper submitted to them. A committee to be headed by Mr. Taylor is to be sent to Washington to lay before the President whatever measures are agreed on by the conference to-day.

ROOSEVELT ON POLICE BRIBERY.

DICTATED BY GOV. ROOSEVELT TO AN
EVENING WORLD REPORTER.

Albany, March 16.

As yet I do not see what opportunity there would be for interference in the police affairs of New York City. It is of course not a question of my approval or disapproval of the conduct of New York officials. It is a question of the opportunity or duty of interference whether in relation to the police or the District-Attorney's office.

I am glad that the people of New York City have had brought sharply home to them exactly what is meant by the triumph of the "wide open" and the "to hell with reform" form of municipal government.

One of the grimly humorous features of the present situation is that some of the loudest complainants about what is now happening—some of those most anxious to have me interfere—are the very people who were most active in opposing that policy of the Police Board, when I was its President, which effectually prevented and which was the only policy which could effectually prevent exactly the kind of infamy which we now see.

I have always been certain that when the citizens of New York realize the horrible and debasing infamy which is what "the wide open policy" really means, they would take the first opportunity to overwhelmingly repudiate it.

PARKHURST TO DEVERY: "ONLY A CLUMSY TOOL."

By Dr. Parkhurst.

Dictated exclusively to an Evening World reporter.

I am not going before the Grand Jury to-day, for I have nothing to add to the testimony of yesterday. The situation holds out no bright promise, just now. The power that he may possibly drop Devery and use him as the scapegoat. You know, they have got to find a scapegoat, as I have been predicting for several days. It may be Devery; it may be some one else; it may be some very little difference to my view. Devery out, they will simply put another man just as bad in his place. They may get some one else who is far more shy and shrewd than Devery, for Devery was a very clumsy tool, but it is certain that he will be no better. The grounds of this case will show. I don't think it is the right time to make any statement of the kind. I am not going to say anything more than that.

TWENTY-FOUR FAMILIES FLED FROM FIERCE FIRE.

Twenty-four families residing in the three-story brick bathhouse at 210 East One Hundred and Eighth street were in peril from fire late this afternoon.

The flames started in a store on the ground floor and spread rapidly to the roof of the building.

The majority of the occupants were women and children. They fled down the stairways and fire-escapes. Several narrowly escaped being cut off.

The firemen gave their attention to assisting the tenants to the street. The fire got a good start and the building was wrecked.

Three alarms were sent in.

COLER OPPOSES EAST RIVER BRIDGE MEASURE

Comptroller Coler said to-day that he was opposed to the DeGraw bill now pending in the Assembly authorizing the Sinking Fund Commission to purchase from any corporation having a valid charter the right to build a bridge across the East River.

Mr. Coler said the bill was clearly in the interest of Dr. Ratney, who holds a franchise for a bridge across the East River at Blackwell Island.

"There is little chance for it to pass," said Mr. Coler. "Everybody is against it. Dr. Ratney has had time enough to build his bridge and has not done so."

MISSING GIRL AND BOY

Rosa Hansman, eighteen years old, of Indianapolis, Ind., is reported to have left home March 13, and it is suspected she will seek work in New York. Superintendent of Police Quigley reported the case to the New York police.

Clarence Parsons, eleven years old, is reported to have mysteriously disappeared from Conventville, N. Y., Feb. 8. His father, E. E. Parsons, offers to pay a reward for his return.

INSURANCE BROKER FOUND DEAD

William H. Gerow, sixty-two years of age, was found dead in his room at a hotel at 314 Greenwich street this afternoon. Gerow was an insurance broker. He did not come down at his usual time, and a clerk was sent up and he was found dead in bed. Gerow was at one time foreign buyer for A. T. Stewart.

THE HEWITT DIAMOND CASE

Henry Whitaker, a waiter, of 246 East Twenty-fifth street, and his wife, Mary, who were arrested on Wednesday last on the charge of having stolen the \$1,500 diamond brooch belonging to ex-Mayor Abram S. Hewitt, were brought before Magistrate Flammer in the Yorkville Police Court this afternoon. The Hewitts did not appear to press the charge and the prisoners were discharged.

LATE RESULTS AT NEW ORLEANS

FIFTH RACE—Ben Chance 1, Indian 2, Russell R. 3.
SIXTH RACE—Grayless 1, Volandier 2, Sister Fox 3.

DISTRICT-ATTORNEY SAID TO HAVE DRAWN PAPERS.

It is reported on good authority that three indictments have been drawn up against Police Captain Andrew J. Thomas by District-Attorney Gardiner.

The indictments in each case charge Thomas with a misdemeanor. Here are the counts as reported:

First—For failing to suppress an alleged disorderly resort known as the Dove.

Second—For failing to suppress an alleged disorderly resort known as the Tivoli.

Third—For failing to suppress an alleged disorderly resort known as the Pekin.

Each proposed indictment charges Capt. Thomas with neglect of duty.

The papers, it is said, were delivered by District-Attorney Gardiner to Foreman Putnam, of the Grand Jury.

There were no indictments filed with the Court to-day.

It is believed the indictments will be filed on Monday next.

DEVERY'S DEFENSE.

Acting Under Orders He Said in
Arresting Respectable Pro-
prietors of Hotels.

Chief of Police Devery made his position in the present police imbroglio perfectly clear to the Grand Jury at its meeting to-day.

It is known he stated that his action in arresting the proprietors of respectable hotels and restaurants for furnishing music to their guests was because he was ordered to do so by the Police Commissioners.

It appears further that District-Attorney Gardiner was the person who advised the Police Commissioners to act in that manner.

Chief Devery's friends insist that he is not going to resign or be "bounced" from his office. They say that he was merely the instrument in the hands of the Commissioners. District-Attorney Gardiner made the original suggestion to close the hotels and restaurants to Police Commissioner Abell.

This plan was approved by Commissioner York, who instructed Devery to issue such orders to the force.

WILL "GO UP HIGHER."

Chief Devery does not intend to give up his office without a fight, and if he has to, he will make his position perfectly clear and "go up higher" to prove that he is not responsible for the criminality that prevails, as in every case he has acted under direct orders from the Commissioners. Another reason why Devery is not likely to lose his office is that his successor would be Deputy Chief McLaughlin, who is even more hated by the reformers than Devery himself.

Meanwhile, the "spasm of virtue" may be said to be over. Gov. Roosevelt's announcement that he will not take any part in the quarrel makes it clear that there will be no interference from Albany. Dr. Parkhurst's announcement that he will not pursue his campaign any further until the Fall, is also guarantee that the "wide-openness" of the town will go on.

But the District-Attorney, against whom charges are pending and whose trial is on, is more likely to be made the antagonist of the present state than any other official.

A SECRET INDICTMENT.



CAPT. A. J. THOMAS.

Grand Jury this afternoon.

The Recorder read this indictment, then handed it back to Foreman Putnam, who stowed it away in his inside coat pocket.

All sorts of rumors were in circulation, and the names of Devery, Thompson and others were mentioned.

The consensus of opinion was that some big official had been caught in the Grand Jury's drag-net for vice.

GRAND JURY ADJOURNS.

Foreman G. H. Putnam, of the Grand Jury, had a twenty-minute talk with Recorder Goff. The latter then adjourned court till Monday.

Police Inspector Walter Thompson, whose jurisdiction includes the Tenderloin precinct, may be held by the Grand Jury to be equally culpable with Police Captain Thomas for neglect of duty in failing to close the Tenderloin resorts that are guilty of violating the law.

It developed to-day that District-Attorney Gardiner yesterday placed before the Grand Jury a judicial opinion bearing upon Inspector Thompson's responsibility. A question arose as to whether Inspector Thompson might not be subject to indictment for failing to close the Tenderloin resorts.

The question was referred to District-Attorney Gardiner, who submitted to the jury a charge made in a similar case to a special Grand Jury by Justice Barrett, of the Supreme Court, on Dec. 21, 1899.

In his charge the Justice directed the jury that if it was proven that the Inspector was aware of the existence of these resorts in his territory and did

precinct in which such resorts existed, the Inspector should be held responsible if it could be shown that he was negligent that the resorts existed.

The charge also held that the Captain of the precinct might be assumed to know of such resorts.

Chief of Police Devery went to the Criminal Court Building a few minutes before 11 o'clock and slipped into the District-Attorney's office. He was met by Col. Gardiner and a consultation was held between the two.

Chief Devery and Capt. Thomas left the Grand Jury room a few minutes after noon.

The need of caution was impressed upon Police Captain Thomas when he appeared before the Grand Jury to-day by Foreman Putnam, who warned Thomas that whatever he might testify to would be used against him in case he was indicted by the jury.

YORK WON'T TALK.

President York, of the Police Board, persisted in his refusal to discuss any phase of the vice situation to-day.

"By-and-by the Police Board may have something to say, but not now," said the Commissioner.

Proprietor Hobbs, of the Waldorf-Astoria, sent an invitation to Police Headquarters to-day for a personal talk with the hotel's concert license. The proposition is about to expire.

Magistrate Keller, in the West Side Court, this afternoon dismissed the case of Michael Shanley, who was charged with the charge of carrying a concealed weapon.